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SUBJECT: TDY STATUS REPORT

1. CONTRACTING OFFICER MET MORNING OF FEBRUARY 22, 1978 WITH KAPPLE, WOLFE, DODSON, WALKER AND KINKADE TO REVIEW RESPONSES TO PROPOSAL QUESTIONS FROM SFM AND SSM. ANSWERS PROVIDED WERE GENERALLY IMPROVED OVER PRIOR SUCH EFFORTS, PARTICULARLY IN AREAS OF LOGISTICS AND OPERATIONS. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUPPORT ESY POSITIONS IN NEGOTIATIONS, ESPECIALLY AS REGARDS FACILITY MAINTENANCE AND ADMINISTRATION. IN PRELIMINARY TALKS, WOLFE AND PENDLETON WENT OVER IN DETAIL THE NEED FOR FACTUAL DATA WHERE AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT PROPOSED COSTS, AND OF WHAT BENEFIT THIS DATA WILL BE TO GREENVILLE AND WASHINGTON DURING NEGOTIATIONS. PURPOSE WAS TO INCREASE UNDERSTANDING OF ENTIRE PROCESS ON PART OF MANAGERS AND TO POINT OUT UTILITY OF SUCH DATA TO SSM AND GREENVILLE IN RESPONDING TO OUTSIDE INQUIRIES AT LATER DATES. SEVERAL SAMPLE AREAS OF PROPOSED COSTS WERE SELECTED AND DEBATED IN SOME DEPTH TO GIVE PARTICIPANTS FIRST HAND LOOK AT OVERALL PROCESS. ESY PEOPLE SEEMED COOPERATIVE AND UNDERSTANDING. WE BELIEVE, AS DOES WOLFE, THAT THE SESSION WILL BEAR FRUIT IN TERMS OF PROPOSAL SUPPORTING INFORMATION.

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2. ESY MANAGERS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO AMPLIFY RESPONSES WHERE APPROPRIATE AND TO REVIEW AGAIN THEIR AREAS OF PROPOSAL IN LIGHT OF ABOVE MEETING TO ASSURE ADEQUATE SUPPORT FOR COSTS DEEMED NECESSARY. RISK OF COSTS BEING REJECTED IF INSUFFICIENTLY SUPPORTED WAS POINTEDLY NOTED.

3. NEW SUBJECT. FOR WALLEN FROM JACOBS. FIELD TESTS AT WATCH

STATIONS AND BASE CAMP HAVE CONFIRMED NEED FOR TOTAL OF FOUR EXRAYS FOR CENTRALIZED READOUT. ESY HAS BEEN ASKED TO PROCEED WITH ANTENNA INSTALLATION ON BASE CAMP TOWER. PLAN TO WITHHOLD SENSOR I.D. CHANGE UNTIL ARRIVAL OF DISPLAY EQUIPMENT. COMMENCING INVENTORY OF SENSORS AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, LEADING TO DISCUSSIONS OF MONTHLY STATUS REPORTING OF THIS EQUIPMENT WILL RECOMMEND CHANGES IN REPORTING FORMAT TO PROVIDE MORE DETAILS ON CRITICAL OR OVERDUE ITEMS. END SUBJECT.

4. DUE TO HEAVY SCHEDULE SFM, DIRECTOR PENDLETON AND WOLFE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO TAKE UP WITH PRELIMINARY RETURN TRAVEL PLANS. HOWEVER, THEY TENTATIVELY PLAN TO DEPART FOR TEL AVIV FEBRUARY 25. BUSINESS IN TEL AVIV WILL FULLY OCCUPY TRAVELERS UNTIL MIDDAY FEBRUARY 28. IN VIEW OF CLOSE TIMING BETWEEN RETURN OF WOLFE AND PENDLETON AND ARRIVAL OF SSM DIRECTOR AND WALLEN IN LONDON MAY BE USEFUL IF PARTIES COULD MEET BRIEFLY IN LONDON ON MARCH 2 FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION OF TDY TRIP HERE, AND RESIDUAL MATTERS NEEDING ATTENTION IN WASHINGTON. IF THIS IS DESIRABLE FROM YOUR END, LET US KNOW PREFERRED TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING AND WE WILL MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS. IF NOT. SFM VISITORS WILL PROCEED TEL AVIV TO WASHINGTON ON MARCH 1.

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